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SUBJECT: US-ASEAN RELATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT IS REPEATING TO ACTION AND INFO
ADDRESSEES (EXCEPT SINGAPORE) REFTEL WHICH IS EXCERPT OF
CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW AND

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UNDER SECRETARY COOPER. DURING THEIR DISCUSSION LEE INDICATED THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES EXPECTED SOME SORT OF SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US AND COOPER STATED THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. LEE THEN APPARENTLY INTERPRETED COOPER'S REMARKS AS EXTENDING TO THE WHOLE GAMUT OF US-ASEAN RELATIONS. MR. COOPER STRESSED US RECOGNITION OF ASEAN'S VALUE AND THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO CLOSE CONSULTATIONS.

2. TO CLARIFY THE RECORD, AT THE US-ASEAN TALKS HELD IN MANILA IN SEPTEMBER ASEAN DID NOT ASK FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF ENTRY OF ASEAN PRODUCTS INTO THE US MARKET AS PRIME MINISTER LEE SEEMS TO HAVE THOUGHT. ASEAN DID ASK FOR A COMMODITY EXPORT EARNING STABILIZATION SCHEME ON THE LOME AGREEMENT STABEX MODEL AND THE US SIDE INDICATED ITS OPPOSITION TO SUCH A SCHEME PARTLY BECAUSE

OF ITS REGIONAL NATURE BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE US FAVORS IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCING MECHANISM TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS (US OPPOSITION TO REGIONAL STABEX SCHEME FOR ASEAN WAS PREVIOUSLY STATED TO GOI MINISTER WIDJOJO AND TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT; STATE 163288 AND STATE 166551).

3. APART FROM THE GSP, THE US DOES NOT INTEND TO ESTABLISH PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH ASEAN CONFIDENTIAL

OR ANY OTHER GROUP OF COUNTRIES. THE US HAS REPEATEDLY REFUSED REQUESTS FROM SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FOR PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE NOW PURSUING OUR OBJECTIVE OF FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM IN THE MTN AND WE BELIEVE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROVIDE MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES TO ASEAN AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO NEGOTIATE MEANINGFUL RELAXATION OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS OF THE US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

4. OUR STRONG AND TRADITIONAL ATTACHMENT TO GLOBAL TRADE POLICIES SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS PREVENTING US FROM BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO ASEAN'S DESIRE TO FORGE CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE US. WITHIN OUR TRADE POLICIES WE CAN PAY ATTENTION TO ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ASEAN AS UNDER SECRETARY COOPER NOTED TO PM LEE. IN OTHER AREAS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SUCH AS COMMODITY MATTERS, AID, THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, ON BUSINESS RELATIONS AND INVESTMENT, THE US ALSO WISHES TO HAVE CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ASEAN. AGAIN WE CAN POINT TO OUR HISTORICAL "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH LATIN AMERICA WHICH HAS NOT LEAD TO

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SPECIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS. RATHER IT HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF IN A CLOSER AND MORE INSTITUTIONALLY STRUCTURED CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND LATIN AMERICA. THIS IN TURN RESULTED IN A MORE CONTINUOUS AND SUSTAINED HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICA ON THE PART OF US ADMINISTRATIONS, CONGRESS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. ASEAN IS THE FIRST GROUPING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WITH WHICH THE US IS EMBARKING ON A PROCESS OF CLOSER CONSULTATIVE COOPERATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROCESS WHICH WE HAVE BEGUN HAS BY AND IN ITSELF UPGRADED THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO ASEAN AND THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE WILL FURTHER THIS ALONG.
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5. AS OPPORTUNITIES OCCUR ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN EXPLAINING HOW WE SEE THE EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND ASEAN. VANCE

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